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NEW FORMAT FOR NEWS YOU CAN USE

Quick, Informative, and to the point

We are trying something new with News You Can Use. This format is designed to not only give you updates, but to provide you with quick links to information you can continue to explore and read up on. The links will also lead you to the appropriate place to get future information on that specific topic.

We value your feedback and if you do not like this option and would like to express this to me, please feel free to email me at mblosser@co.douglas.nv.us.

You can also download a hard copy on the link at the top of this page.

Happy Holidays!

Melissa Blosser

Douglas County, NV

Community Relations Coordinator and Public Information Officer

MANAGE THE COUNTY'S CHECKBOOK

Douglas County is inviting citizens to be a part of a unique opportunity by engaging in an online tool allowing the public to provide input to help the County Manage its checkbook. Through this exercise citizens will be given the opportunity to emphasize which results are most important to them by dividing the funds just as they would for their own personal household budget.

Access to this tool will be available on the County's website from November 6th through December 19th.



In its Strategic Plan, Douglas County has identified six major results that the County strives to provide for the community:

- Safe Community
- Economic Vitality
- Managed Growth and Development
- Financial Stability
- Preservation of Natural Environment, Resources and Cultural Heritage

During the 'Manage the County Checkbook Exercise' citizens will divide money in these six areas depending on what they feel is most important to them.



Budget Analyst Marcie Schurke can be seen around town and at Board of County Commission Meetings providing one-on-one help.

Using this tool they will show us what is important by:

- **Spending money on a result** - the county should continue to provide services that support that result.
- **Spending no money on result** - the county should not continue to provide services that support that result.
- **Creating a new result** - the county should spend funds on a result not currently a focus.

The online Manage the County Checkbook exercise is a part of Douglas County's Priority Based Budgeting process. Douglas County is the first County in the nation to implement Priority Based

Budgeting, which was adopted as a leading practice in local government by the Alliance for Innovation and the International City/County Management Association.

To access Manage the County Checkbook, Citizens can visit:

[Manage the County Checkbook](#)

Citizens can also text 'subscribe' to 775-309-4358. The on-line registration will ask for your name, email address and physical address. Your registration information is secure and will not be shared with any outside party. The physical address will allow responses from geographic areas within the County to be viewed, but the County and public will not be able to see the names of individual participants unless the participants chose to display their name. Once you have completed the registration process, you can choose from two forum versions:

1. **Quick Checkbook** - Quick Version (estimated time to complete 5 minutes), simply distribute your \$500 amongst the six Community Results or establish new priorities.
2. **Extended Checkbook** - Extended Version (estimated time to complete 15 minutes), allows you to distribute your \$500 to more detailed sub-results within each Community Result or establish new priorities.

Any residents that do not have internet access can come to the Minden Inn and complete online or obtain access at the Douglas County Library.

Let Christine Vuletich Assistant County Manager / Chief Financial Officer walk you through Managing the County's Checkbook.



GRAND OPENING OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER

The day has finally Come!

After months of anticipation, the Douglas County Community and Senior Center is hosting a Grand Opening and Open House on December 6th, 2014 at 1:00 pm. At 1329 Waterloo Lane



Gardnerville, NV 89410. The Open House will allow the public to finally step inside the 83,000 square foot building which includes a wide variety of new state-of-the-art amenities.

"I can't over emphasize how important this new facility is to our community," said Scott Morgan Community Services Director. "People are going to be very impressed and the Board of County commissioners should be congratulated for the leadership they showed in making this a priority."

This is the general public's first opportunity to step inside the new facility and during the open house the following will be offered:

- Commemorative gift for the first 1,800 guests
- Free hot dog, chips & soda (while supplies last)
- Tours of the Center from 1:30 - 5:00pm
- Opportunity to purchase your annual pass
- A chance to learn about activities in the building

[**View Event Flyer**](#)

Since the Center broke ground on October 19, 2012, the Douglas County Community Services Foundation has collected over \$1.4 million to help furnish the building.

"We are still looking for donations," said Bob Cook, Douglas County Community Services Foundation President. "The open house will give us the opportunity to show people what we still need."

The new center includes:

Dining facility and kitchen

The dining room can seat approximately 300 people at tables with beautiful mountain views. The kitchen is a larger commercial style with improved meals -on-wheels capability for Seniors.

Senior facility

A portion of the Center is dedicated to senior activities: a larger craft and ceramics area, gift shop, activity rooms for games (such as bridge, bingo, and bunko) and a common area for socializing. There will also be a senior day care facility and a nurse's station on site.

Community Center

The remainder of the building includes 2 basketball/4 volleyball courts, exercise equipment, an indoor walking and running track, locker rooms and restrooms. The facility will be large enough for the whole community to enjoy. The Center will also have the capacity to host a variety of major tournaments.

The Foundation continues to collect funds to help fulfill the Center's needs.

The [Douglas County Community Services Foundation](#) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) formed to financially support and enhance Douglas County's Recreation and Senior Centers, through the funding of capital projects and equipment.

The Community and Senior Center is one of Douglas County's 8 priority projects. The Economic Vitality Program, established in 2010, strives to "Create a Community to Match the Scenery."

For a full description of the center and more information [click here](#)

COUNTY HOSTS FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK***Douglas County Storm Water Coordinator Karin Peternel (Pictured)***

Douglas County, The State of Nevada, and other partnering jurisdictions, hosted and educational awareness event to help educate citizens of Nevada on flood preparation during Flood Safety Awareness Week, November 10th-15th, 2014.

Present at the event was Storm Water Coordinator, Karin Peternel, Douglas County Engineer, Eric Nelissen, Rob Palmer, State Floodplain Coordinator, John Coburn, UNR Cooperative Extension, Judy Soutiere, Flood Risk Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Courtney Walker, Assistant Watershed Coordinator, Carson Water Subconservancy District.

"Flood control projects are currently being sought after and we are dedicated to exploring every available opportunity to help identify or reduce flood risk," Erik Nilssen, Douglas County Engineer.

After Douglas County residents suffered from a series of flash flooding in 2014, Douglas County continues to collect data, work on several projects, and conduct events to educate residents about how they can better protect themselves for future flash floods.

Douglas County has set up a webpage dedicated to flood information in Douglas County where the history of recent flash flooding and the most current information on County Flood Projects can be found:

[Information on Flooding in Douglas County and Current Projects](#)

More information on the flooding in Nevada and additional resource visit:

www.nevadafloods.org/.

Updates on the Challenges, Issues and Actions being taken by Douglas County Public Works and Community Development Departments regarding the Floods will be presented at the Board of [County Commissioners Meeting](#) on December 4th, 2014.

Board Meetings

Current meeting agendas are posted in the Agenda Center 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting. An Action Summary is posted the day after the scheduled meeting, and meeting minutes are posted upon approval.

[Link to Agendas and Minutes](#)

You can also view all meeting agendas and minutes that have been posted since April 5, 2012. For meeting agendas and minutes prior to April 5, 2012, please visit the [Clerk-Treasurer's](#) website.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1:00 pm Minden

Hot Topics:

- Declaration of new Community and Senior Center Open for Business
- Challenges and actions taken by Public Works and Community Development in regards to 2014 Flash Floods.
- Annual Economic Development Performance Indicator Report.
- Discussion to appoint qualified applicant to Minden Town Advisory Board.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

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BOARD MEETING 12/4/14

Events

These events are run by the County or Towns

The Town of Gardnerville's
Ninth Annual
**Carson Valley
Christmas Kickoff**



Thursday
December 4,
2014
5:30 p.m.
Heritage Park
Pavilion

*Santa will begin the festivities at 5:30 p.m.
Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree
Lighting of the Heritage Park Pavilion
Holiday Music and Song by:
The Sierra Ringers(weather permitting)
Boys and Girls Club of Carson Valley
Wagon Rides before fireworks.
Musical Light Show!
Fireworks By Lantis Productions
(weather permitting)!!!*

*Dutch oven cobblers, hot cocoa &
spiced cider provided by the
Town of Gardnerville
& popcorn provided by
the Gardnerville Town Water Co.*

For additional information contact
the Town of Gardnerville - 782-7134
www.gardnerville-nv.gov



*Fireworks are brought to you by:
Bealls, Starbucks,
Gardnerville Health & Sanitation*

Light Up Minden!

December 5th & 6th

Downtown Minden

Friday December 5th

Live Music including the DHS Jazz Band @ 5:00 pm

Goodie Bags & Games with Fabulous Prizes

A children's raffle drawing to help Santa LIGHT UP MINDEN!

Santa arrives at 6:00 pm to light the Gazabo and visit him afterwards

Fire-pits with Free Cookies, S'mores & Hot Cider

Saturday December 6th

LIVE MUSIC starting at 4:00 pm on Esmeralda Ave

19th Annual Parade of Lights ends at Minden Park

Christmas Craft Fair at the CVIC Hall from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm





Click [here](#) for Genoa Events

12^{of} Days Christmas Mountain Faire December 13, 2014

Shop for Holiday Gifts
Arts & Crafts
Local vendors
Santa Claus
Pancake breakfast



8:00am
to
5:00pm

Douglas County
Community & Senior Center
1329 Waterloo Ln
Gardnerville, NV



**DANGBERG
HOME RANCH**
HISTORIC PARK

Dec. 3-7
775-783-9417

The Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park will open its annual exhibit of vintage toys and games on December 3-7. The exhibit, "Home Ranch for the Holidays," is open to the public and presents children's playthings from the 1860s through the 1940s.

The exhibit displays board and card games from the 1870s through the 1890s that were played with by Fred Dangberg, Jr., and his siblings, as well as numerous toys enjoyed by Fred's five children and one grandson from the 1900s through the 1940s. These include a small wood-burning cook stove, a child's drop-front desk and a miniature tea cart. A variety of dolls, handmade doll clothing and doll accessories will be shown. The creative side of children's play will be explored through toys and games from 1900 to 1945.

The park's store will be open, with a selection of jewelry, history books, photo notecards and other gifts. The park's volunteers will also be conducting a your-choice raffle to raise money for the non-profit Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch.

The exhibit is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on December 3-7. Admission is free, but donations are requested. Reservations are not needed.

Visit the [website](#)

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